

Developmental Disabilities Council
Self Determination Workgroup Minutes
Courtyard Marriott, Federal Way
November 15, 2007

Present

Shawn Latham (Workgroup Chair), Vickie Foster, Becky Lasky, Mike Hatch, David Lord, Larry Garman, Leo Finnegan, Kelly Boston, Brenda Anderson, George Adams

Guests

Shirley Bonden, Office of Public Guardianship

Staff

Ed Holen, Autumn Dryden, Linda Walling

Adjustments to the agenda

There were none.

Minutes

Mike moved and Vickie seconded approving the September minutes as written. The motion carried.

Senate Bill 5320: Office of Public Guardianship (OPG)

Shirley Bonden of the Office of Public Guardianship gave an update on SB 5320. Currently there are between 4,000 and 5,000 people in need of guardianship assistance. The OPG is starting two pilot programs, one urban and one rural. Shirley is currently the only staff member working on this project. OPG is working to develop a guardian certificate program through the University of Washington as well as an advisory board. Workgroup and other Council members are encouraged to express their concerns related to the program and to offer suggestions that may help make the program successful.

Big Picture Work Plan and updates:

The Big Picture Work Plan was reviewed. Ed noted that if the workgroup needs to make changes to the plan, they need to be done soon. The legislative agenda is being finalized since it will be a short session this year.

The RFP connected to EM2.1 (People with DD who want to be are self-employed) received a good response from Provident Horizon and Elmview Employment Services.

The workgroup may consider inviting representatives of these organizations to speak at a future meeting.

The workgroup discussed self-advocacy clubs in school and how they're working. There was some discussion around whether the goal was to train students to be self-advocates and/or to incorporate individuals with disabilities into their school community and teach other students about developmental disabilities. There was a grant in Sequim to create clubs in schools, but the funding wasn't extended to continue the project. The workgroup will discuss the possibility of allocating funds to continue the project.

Doug Washburn was invited to attend the November meeting to discuss the Working Age Adult Policy. He will be asked to attend a future meeting.

It was suggested that Janet Adams be invited to attend a future workgroup meeting to discuss the Money Follow the Person Policy.

January Meeting Agenda

- Invite Doug Washburn
- Youth Leadership (SAM)
- ACCT Report

Report to the Council

- Presentation by Shirley Bonden of The Office of Public guardianship.
- Reviewed the Big Picture Work Plan.
- Discussed the expansion of the self-employment contract.
- Working to increase the youth leadership for Clallam County.

With that, the meeting was adjourned.